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THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR NORMANDY PARK - filled with new beginnings, a positive outlook and opportunities.

I grew up on Marine View Drive and I've watched Normandy Park maintain its beauty, charm, and small town feel. It's a strong community and our residents have a loud voice. People in Normandy Park speak out on issues because they're passionate about their community and they expect to be a part of the process to improve their City. If you have something to share please call me or the other Council Members or the City Manager. It's vital that we keep the channels of communication open, build partnerships, and work together to find solutions to challenges that arise.

Our passionate residents are also involved volunteers. Many of these volunteers are my colleagues on the Normandy Park Economic Development Committee (EDC). The EDC includes more than 70 residents, businesses, and commercial property owners, managers, city staff, and Council Members. We've met nearly 80 times since May 2012 to generate ideas, and plan projects and festivals to

enhance our economy and boost community spirit.

The EDC holds Open Houses to gather input from the businesses and residents, plans festivals such as the Winterfest Tree Lighting ceremony and Zombie Fest to showcase our businesses and boost community spirit, and develops plans for promoting Normandy Park as a wonderful place to work, live, and play.

Currently we are designing welcome signs for the Burien and Des Moines borders. Members of the EDC have also launched the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation which will raise funds and organize events and projects in Normandy Park. The next edition of the City Scene will feature more details about the Foundation, including how to join and make donations.

Everything I've mentioned inspires me and makes me excited to be a part of shaping Normandy Park's future. I hope you will join me in this effort. There are many ways to participate. Attend our many festivals and events. Join a committee such as the EDC. Throw your name in the hat to become a Commissioner. Attend City Council meetings and share your questions, ideas, concerns and solutions during the public comment. Normandy Park is your community and I look forward to working with you!

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AS SPRING ARRIVES IN NORMANDY PARK, we realize all over again the physical beauty that exists here. It also signifies a new beginning for Normandy Park. Just a few short years ago there was a major concern about the future of this wonderful city. The community rallied and now with an improving economy we finally can look to the future.

As many of you know the city's financial rating was downgraded in 2012 to A+/negative outlook. Thanks to the community support, City Council vision, and staff diligence the negative outlook was changed to stable in February of 2014. The rating agency also let us know that when the city reaches \$1 million in reserves (our savings account), they will allow us to go through the process to seek a ratings upgrade. We are anticipating this to occur in early 2015. This is a remarkable story of going from surviving to thriving in a short time. Everyone in the community has had a part in it. It shows just how powerful this community can be.

The City has recently entered into multiple partnership agreements that will benefit us financially and operationally for years to come. Two of them are with the Highline School District the first being a joint use agreement for use of each other's facilities, this agreement was many years in the making and also includes the other Highline cities: SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines. The second agreement with the school district is for fleet and equipment maintenance. The city has no staff that provides this service and had to utilize contractors on a case by case basis. This approach did not provide a comprehensive approach to vehicle maintenance. This caused the costs to be too high. The Highline School District fleet maintenance shop is nearby in Burien for easy access; it provides a well trained professional fleet maintenance staff, and the cost is in most cases saves at least 40% than a private contractor. Another factor in this partnership is their understanding the nuances to maintaining a municipal fleet.

In December, the City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Des Moines that provides the framework for cooperative public works services between the two Cities. There are many similarities in public works maintenance from one city to the next, so this is a natural place to explore further partnering opportunities. The ILA will allow both agencies to take advantage of opportunities at any given time, both ongoing and single items. Either agency will be able to request

a service, purchasing, or a joint contract from the other.

As examples of the types of projects, we have begun work on is our request for support on development and implementation of a traffic sign inventory system. The City of Des Moines has requested the use of our "TV Camera" vehicle in support of its Surface Water Management operations and comprehensive plan update. Interlocal Agreements like this are one example of ways to create partnerships that can improve efficiency and reduce costs.

On April 8th, the City Council approved an agreement with the Port of Seattle for Police dispatch services. The Normandy Park Police Department needed to change dispatch centers because the current provider, City of Fife, will be closing their facility in the near future. Since there are no longer any Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in King County that provide service for VHF radios and since our current system has significant downfalls, we must move to an 800 MHz radio system. The Normandy Park Police Department is the only Municipal/County Law Enforcement Agency in King County that is not currently on 800 MHz.

Over the years, the Normandy Park Police Department had conducted several exhaustive studies into radio service inside the City of Normandy Park. The studies were compared with King County Radio service, Port of Seattle Radio service, and our current VHF radio system. Each time these tests were conducted, the Port of Seattle radio service outperformed the other services. The Port of Seattle radio service is committed to providing the best level of radio operability and customer service. The implementation of the changeover is scheduled around July 1, 2014. Congratulations to Chief Gaddis and Port Chief of Police Wilson. Their persistence and hard work have paved the way for this agreement. This process took about two years to complete and will provide long term benefits to both agencies.

A few other items of note include:

1. The city has received a second award for the Manhattan Village sub area plan for public process from the American Planning Association Washington Chapter.
2. The city staff drafted a Communications Plan. This will be presented to the City Council for support in June. We have been utilizing the plan in recent weeks.
3. The City Hall facility planning will be on

the Council Agenda May 13th with a Public Hearing prior to City Council discussion and consideration. A separate article is later in the magazine.

As of the printing of the City Scene, my wife and I will be within days of becoming Normandy Park residents. We are very excited to enjoy the physical beauty and sense of community that Normandy Park is famous for. The City Team looks forward to a productive summer of providing service to you. As always, feel free contact me with questions, input or ideas. Enjoy the spring and summer!

Glen Akramoff
Normandy Park City Manager



Being sworn into office from top to bottom: Councilmembers Mike Bishoff, Tom Munslow and Kathleen Waters.

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Spring in Normandy Park

by Councilmember Mike Bishoff

SPRING IN NORMANDY PARK is about as good as it gets. The longer, warmer days finally bring that greenness we all cherish, more time outdoors, and inspire us to take a look around to re-engage with the yard, neighbors and community. These things matter to all of us and reminds us about why we live here. Every day I see more and more people moving around, walking the sidewalks, out with pets and using our great park system. Spring gets us well past the hump of winter and prepares us for the awesome summer ahead. Those of us living in the Northwest joke that summer doesn't start until July 5th, and while that's fun to think about I just don't agree. In spite of our spring rainy season we still manage to get out and about. I personally look forward to coming home from a long day at work to enjoy that extra light at the end of the day.

The big three on the fun list for me are using our parks, walking the dog and engaging the kids in all outdoor manners possible. This last month the City Council met with our Park Commission and had a great dialogue—we talked about the plans for the coming few years, general philosophy on what our park system could and should be and most importantly what mattered the most to all of us living in Normandy Park. You can imagine the diversity in the conversation but in spite of some difference's everyone agreed that our parks are waiting for us to use them as individuals, family and community. After all the "Park" as some call it is really a reflection of how many of us see our little city next to the water—a great place to live in a park-like setting everywhere

we go. It's not just the great official parks like Nature Trails and Nist, but everywhere! It's calming to many of us to see the mature trees, meticulous landscaping and people that care.

Taking the family dog out also gives us another opportunity to move through the community. Did you know that Normandy Park's city code allows us to have dogs off leash as long as they are under voice control? This is in contrast to the broader King County and State rules that require dogs to be on-leash regardless. I love going to our big open areas at City Hall, Nist and Marvista parks for some dog play with other dogs, kids and neighbors. Of course, this kind of fun comes along with the responsibility to assure we remain respectful of our open spaces, neighbors' yards and others using our parks by cleaning up after your pooch and making sure they're not annoying to others.

Now for the kids. As parents of young children know, there is nothing more exciting than getting your kids out of the house! It is just plain old fun to watch kids run through fields, climb trees and as seems to be the case, getting muddy or wet in those places only children seem to find. Our parks are all great places for families to have fun. And for those older kids that need some independence, Normandy Park has great bicycling, both on and off the road and those great outdoor spaces for getting together with teenage friends.

There are few things more satisfying than knowing we live in such a great place where, parks, fun, and safety, matter. With our new longer days and neighbors out and about it's easy to remember why we're here—community and a community that matters.



On February 25th, the Arts Commissioners were treated, along with the City Council, Mayor Susan West, city staff, and City Manager Glenn Akramoff, to a pre-meeting performance by a small section of the Mt. Rainier High School Choir. This talented group of kids were raising awareness and funding for their trip to New York City to sing at the famous Carnegie Hall on April 13th. We are proud to support the arts in our schools.

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Council Study Session (if necessary)

4th Tuesday, 7pm

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

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- 5 In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, lemon zest, and lemon juice until combined.
- 6 Pour it into the flour mixture and beat for 2 mins at medium speed until smooth and creamy.
- 7 Pour into baking dish and bake for 23-25 mins, should turn golden around the edges.
- 8 Allow to cool completely before glazing. Do not overbake, or the bars will dry.
- 9 Filter the powdered sugar and whisk with lemon zest and juice.
- 10 Spread the glaze over the brownies with a rubber spatula and let glaze set.
- 11 Cut into bars and serve. Enjoy!

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Comprehensive Planning Starts Now

by Councilmember Kathleen Waters

WHY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS ARE PERSONAL

WILL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR DAILY LIVES? I bet it will. It's a framework for how Normandy Park will grow and evolve. We can use the process and result of comprehensive planning to protect our economy, guarantee our quality of life, and focus our economic development.

Parks, trails, water resources, sewers, critical areas, residential and commercial buildings, and parking spaces are all related to and affected by the content of our plan. One of the unsung consequences of the comprehensive plan is property values. But all of the above are part and parcel of planning. They affect our property values and the value we place on

Taken singly or together they shed a light on why it's in every property owner's interest to put a stake in preparing an updated comp plan for our community

our property as well.

Our municipal codes are based on the discussions and decisions that conclude with a comprehensive plan. The comp plan will determine the future of housing decisions and design in all areas of our city, land use in every neighborhood, the size of our lots and property parcels, placement and access to utilities, use of transportation, and recreation opportunities. It directs our pay-out for capital investments for utilities, sidewalks, and yes, even a library!

DAILY LIVING AS PART OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Here are some components of the basics of our city. Taken singly or together they shed a light on why it's in every property owner's interest to put a stake in preparing an updated comp plan for our community:

- Traffic, road conditions, sidewalks or not, lighting, pedestrians, walkers/joggers, bicycles, and an occasional loose critter are among the things we encounter when we drive to the store or walk to our neighbor's house. The comp plan is the vehicle used to make moving through the area safer and more efficient.
- A stop at Nature Trails Park, Nist Park, or any outdoor public space provides a glimpse of the potential for the comp plan to improve when and how funding can be used to introduce or modify trails, bridges, fountains, lighting, and bathrooms. Importantly, planning for parks can help determine choices about how natural we want a park to be, orientation toward organized sports and social activities, and accommodations

for outdoor entertainment. Art, music, and sculpture can be promoted through comprehensive planning.

- The changing climate and need for our gardens and plantings to use globally scarce commodities such as water and weather influence our commitment to the environment.

Comprehensive planning is an opportunity for all of us to participate in sustainable and green growth and development.

Comprehensive planning is used to distinguish between low and high density housing, mixed use and commercial areas that concentrate our business services in a central area of the community; an aspect of planning that's important to everyone who lives here.

The determination to continue to have large parcels of lands, that are a unique characteristic of most of the property here, may be something you want to weigh in on. Right next to this in importance to many is the option of keeping that familiar view from a living room window. Or, desires to assure that our many wonderful trees continue to be present as the good neighbors they are for their beauty and their environmental effectiveness.

PLACING YOUR ACTION WHERE YOUR INTENT IS

I suggest you participate to re-do the comprehensive plan. That way it will be a work that satisfies your own personal reason to live here. Take this time to act on planning that guides the future of you and your family's home.

The Normandy Park Planning Commission starts the Comprehensive Plan cycle in the near future. The state is wrapping up its paperwork and in the next few months we will launch work on a new Comprehensive Plan. Here is a link to the Community Development Department webpage that heads up the process for the Planning Commission: http://www.ci.normandy-park.wa.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={5C0BB642-841A-4C9C-9284-0198DF351625}



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As part of the City Managers initial assessment upon his arrival in July of 2013, the systems that are the foundation for providing services and being an effective business were identified as a major shortcoming in Normandy Park. Those “systems” include the structure as well as the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and Information Technology infrastructure. The building is the anchor of that foundation. A poor foundation leads to failure quickly. Investment in the foundation pays dividends indefinitely. Since these systems have been ignored, with maintenance and replacements deferred to the point of failure, the staff is losing considerable productivity every day. Most of the systems the City has are no longer supported by the vendors who sold them originally. There is a cost for replacement, but the cost of non-functioning systems is higher in the long term.

On February 25th, the City Manager presented the building issues to the City Council along with Phase 1 of the City Hall alternative report. The City Council requested additional information and

for the issue to be summarized with multiple alternatives. On Tuesday, April 8th, City Manager Glenn Akramoff presented this information to the City Council. The Council was given the following four options:

1. Lease Towne Center facility and create a long term plan for the existing City Hall and Recreation Center using a public process.
2. Build a new City Hall and Recreation Center on the current site - relocate to another site during construction.
3. Rehabilitate the existing City Hall and Recreation Center - relocate to another site during construction.
4. Rehabilitate existing Recreation Center and build a new City Hall on our current site - relocation would not be required.

Summary of Concerns

The age of the building and its systems, the lack of proactive preventive maintenance in the last few years or more, and failure to have a system replacement plan has led to a deterioration of the building to a point where action must be taken to prevent major failures that could render the building unusable for some time. Any one of these failures would also have a major financial impact on the city's operation and capital budget. The building does not meet basic code requirements in many areas. Any work on the building would likely trigger code deficiency upgrades. The process for any work done could trigger the discovery of other unplanned work. Taking a reactive approach to repairs will significantly



increase the costs. It also does not allow for financial planning or consideration of the customer and staff during small repair projects. These facts make the ‘no action’ approach no longer a viable option.

The staff and customers currently deal with system failures within the building on a daily basis. This includes poorly functioning heating and cooling systems, plumbing and electrical issues, and leaks in the roof. It has been difficult to get contractors to respond. Once they are here it is difficult to get them to complete work because of the antiquated and unsupported systems that exist in the buildings.

Why Now?

The key reasons for bringing this issue forward and needing a decision now are:

- The City Hall is a foundational system for providing services to the community of Normandy Park that is impacted greatly by the poor conditions;
- This is the number one capital improvement need in the city of Normandy Park;
- The City Council believes the community must be informed early of the evolving issues.
- The City Hall has not been

considered or comprehensively discussed by the Normandy Park community in sometime;

- In an effort to make sure the City continues to improve its financial position as sustainable and predictable, a proactive approach must be taken on short and long term needs;
- A short term unique opportunity exists to consider a move to the Towne Center.
- The Normandy Park City Council gave city staff the direction to provide all of the background materials to the public for consideration and development of a long term community process to rehabilitate or replace the existing buildings.

As of the printing of the City Scene Magazine, an open house was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at City Hall. The City Council and the staff realize that the best decisions cannot be made without community input. On Tuesday, May 13th, the City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments from the public on the consideration of a lease option at Towne Center. You can find the Phase I and Phase II architect study as well as all background materials at www.normandyparkwa.gov.

Also included in the May 13th Council Meeting agenda is a proposal on the process for creating a City Hall Task Force. This Task Force will look at all of the long term options for the buildings, choosing a site, and considering funding options. The Task Force will be short term in nature and will ultimately provide a recommendation on how to proceed to the City Council. Police Chief Chris Gaddis will be the staff support for this Task Force.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Glenn Akramoff through Police Chief Chris Gaddis via email chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or by calling 206-248-8254 with questions, comments, or to get involved.

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Steep Slopes

by Chad Tibbits, Senior Planner

After the Oso mudslide in March, the City would like to discuss the issue as it relates to our community. As you know, the City has enacted a critical areas ordinance that designates certain areas in the City as erosion hazard areas and landslide hazard areas. The erosion hazard and landslide hazard designations in the Normandy Park Municipal Code (NPMC 18.36), and the mapping that has been done, are based on generalized maps prepared by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Geological Survey. The maps are not site-specific, and the City's regulations require a site-specific geotechnical study whenever the generalized map indicates that a particular parcel may contain a geologically hazardous area.

At this time, except for those few parcels for which development applications have been submitted, the City has no definitive site-specific studies indicating that any particular slope in the City is hazardous or unstable; all the City has are generalized maps.

Residents having slopes on their property are responsible for maintaining those slopes to ensure stability and should consult geotechnical engineers if signs of instability are present, e.g., visible earth movement, or the bowing, or leaning of trees.

The City staff will continue to require of those who wish to develop in the vicinity of steep slopes, to provide geotechnical engineering studies showing that the building can be done without destabilizing the slope or placing lives or property in danger.

The City staff is committed to the enforcement of the critical areas ordinance and the protection the ordinance provides for the City's residents. If you have questions, please contact the Community Development Department at (206) 248-8249 or visit City Hall during business hours.



Public Works Engineering Projects

The City of Normandy Park has several capital improvement projects underway for 2014. These projects are in design and environmental phases, with some planned for construction this year. To learn more about the activities underway please visit the Public Works web page and choose a project. From www.normandyparkwa.gov, select Departments drop down list then select Public Works to reach these links. Project questions can be directed to Maryanne Zukowski, PE at 206-248-8256 or email maryannez@ci.normandy-park.wa.us.

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- Nature Trails Park Detention and Park Improvements
- Manhattan Village Drainage Improvements

Marvista Park—Pea Patch Garden Courtesy Reminder

Participants in the Pea Patch program put in a lot of time and effort tending to their gardens. Please be respectful of those efforts by keeping pets and children out of the garden. Vandalism of the garden has also been an issue in the past. If you observe vandalism to the garden, please contact City Hall at 206-248-7603.



NP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

2013 Summary and Highlights

The Community Development Department took in a record number of construction permits for 2013. A breakdown of total general construction permits are as follows:

- Building Permits – 117
- Electrical Permits – 192
- Mechanical Permits – 124
- Plumbing Permits – 56

Highlights of construction include the final work on the Memory Care Unit of the Normandy Park Assisted Living Facility on 1st Avenue S; a new grocery store, Normandy Park Market, was added at the Normandy Park Towne Center in addition to new businesses locating within the shopping center such as Ace Hardware, International Freight Systems, Colore Science, Priceless Pet Clinic, Soggy Doggy, and Cedar River Foods.

Long time Permit Technician Janise Goucher moved on to a position with the City of Redmond in September. We wish the best to Janise! The Department position was replaced with an Associate Planner and recent hire, Matthew Blinstrub. Matthew has over 25 years of planning experience and is a Normandy Park resident. Welcome Matthew! The department is supervised by Senior Planner Chad Tibbits.

The Community Development Department consists of two planners and several consultants that help to implement the Normandy Park Municipal Code and other local, state, and federal requirements. The department's consultants include Wetlands &



Grand opening of the Normandy Park Market.

Wildlife, Inc. (wetlands, streams, and habitat assessment), Stantec Engineering (survey, engineering), Hart Crowser (geotechnical), Lawhead Architects (design review), and the City of Burien (Building Official, plans examiner and inspections).

The 2014 year work plan includes completing work on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in early May, kicking off the 2015 Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan update, and promoting redevelopment within the Manhattan Village Subarea.

The Community Development Department can be reached at (206) 248-8260 or visit City Hall during business hours.

Normandy Park Staff earns 2014 WellCity Award

Normandy Park Staff join 96 AWC Trust members who earned the 2014 WellCity Award by making an outstanding commitment to employee health. The Trust's annual WellCity Awards recognize members that meet nine best practice standards for employee health promotion.

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Keeping the Parks in Normandy Park

by Doug Osterman, President, Normandy Park Metropolitan Park District

In November 2009, Normandy Park voters approved the landmark Metropolitan Park District (MPD), only the second of its kind at the time in Washington State. Since then, several other cities have followed suit, with the City of Seattle voters to consider creating a copycat version of the Normandy Park MPD this fall.

As you likely recall, in 2009 the City's General Fund was facing a shortfall in excess of \$400,000. The City faced a 15% or larger cut in departments and services that are provided through the General Fund, such as the police, maintenance of the Mount Rainier Pool, and operations of the Des Moines Senior Center. I recall vividly when Normandy Park residents from 5 years old to 91 showed up in force at a Council meeting dressed in full swimsuit attire—suits, caps and goggles—with a spirited plea to keep the Mount Rainier Pool open and to continue the community's deep swimming tradition.

To respond to this and other community concern about the looming service cuts, the City Council placed a proposition on the November 2009 ballot for Normandy Park voters to decide whether to create a dedicated, sustainable funding source to "Keep the Parks in Normandy Park" by authorizing a Metropolitan Park District. The measure was approved by voters, establishing the ground-breaking Normandy Park MPD in the Puget Sound region.

While it has taken a while to get on its feet because of a delay in the start time of the MPD due to the November date of the vote, it is certain that the creation of the MPD is keeping our parks open, maintained, and sustaining our recreation programs, including support for the Mount Rainier Pool and the Senior Center. The revenue collected by the MPD is helping the City leverage outside funding to support our parks and recreation programs, further enhancing our ability to keep our system of parks, trails, and natural areas strong and the envy of the region.

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Council as an ex-officio board of commissioners, and with tremendous support from the Park Commission, sport groups, and other volunteer groups and individuals, the MPD has purchased the much raved about playground equipment at City Hall Park, purchased large specimen trees for Marvista Park to replace the mature trees killed by a root fungus disease, improved ball fields and recreation building at City Hall, repaired the historic Brittany Park fountain, and kept landscape maintenance of parks, trails, and natural areas up to par.

As further described in the *City Scene* by Park Commissioner Ron Ebbers, other near-term actions of the MPD include improving water quality and stream flows of Nature Trails Park, controlling English ivy and other invasive thugs in our parks, addressing the dilapidated condition of and outdated need for the fencing at Marvista Park (fencing that was installed when the park was a missile site!) and other long-deferred maintenance issues in our parks, installing the Nist Park memorial garden, and improving communications about the parks and recreation activities supported by the MPD.

Thank you to residents of Normandy Park for your vision to "Keep the Parks in Normandy Park".

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Parks Commission

General News and Deschner Memorial Ceremony Set for June!

by Park Commissioner Ron Ebbers

The Park Commission has set the date for Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m. to dedicate a memorial to Tom Deschner, one of our pioneering volunteers at Marine View Park. A special plaque and small memorial garden in the open meadow to the right as you enter the grounds will be set aside to remember Tom and wife Laura. Please join us for refreshments and a take-away remembrance.

In other news, Walker Preserve continues to have very successful volunteer ivy pulls led by Basin Steward Elissa Ostergaard. New trees have been planted and areas previously cleared are springing forth with native vegetation. The bleeding heart is just opening up. Come take a walk in the Preserve by entering on 2nd SW just north of Wilson Park.

The Washington Conservation Corp is set to come this fall and tackle more ivy and invasive plant removal at Nature Trails Park. The Commission is concentrating to get this park cleaned out (which has never been done!)

The Commission is also moving ahead lead by our very competent Public Works Engineer



A young Tom Deschner



Maryanne Zukowski with improvements to drainage in Nature Trails. This will hopefully improve water flow down Normandy Creek, which is good for fish! Additional improvements will include upgrading the path system, parking area, and adding a restroom. We are still in the planning stages, so come to City Hall for an open house in early May, or join us for a Park Commission meeting to keep up and make a comment. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The City Council and Parks Commission met jointly last month to talk about future plans for our parks. Keeping communication open and "being on the same page" is important so that goals can be accomplished,

and tax dollars can be spent wisely. A few highlights of the Park Commission goals for 2014 are: Mapping our park system; upgrading the master plan for improvements to Marvista park; E.J. Nist memorial garden; opening western end of Walker Preserve for access in cooperation with Southwest Suburban Sewer District; pea patch improvements; and, keeping the public informed about park activities.

We have a wonderful park system and are always looking for ways to preserve and improve it. Take a moment to write your thoughts and send them to City Hall c/o the Parks Commission, or come to a meeting. We love to hear from citizens about YOUR parks!



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TREES— Maintaining An Asset

WHAT COMES TO MIND when someone asks you, “What do you like about Normandy Park?” Possibly part of your answer is the many beautiful and mature trees covering the landscape. Trees are an integral part of what make this city truly beautiful and, like any asset, must be properly maintained to remain healthy, attractive and to continue to add value over time.

The value of trees is enormous. Trees add beauty to the landscape, create a habitat for wildlife, provide shade, a place to linger and play, create privacy and screen unwanted views. Less visible benefits include improved air quality (sequestering carbon and releasing oxygen and water from the leaves), greater soil stability, less storm-water runoff and soil erosion and shade



Left: Stone fruits such as cherry and plum should be pruned when blossoms drop.



Right: An example of a Douglas Fir in need of cleaning the dead, weak and hazardous limbs, a selective thinning of a top heavy canopy would be advised as well.

protection for buildings and pavement. The bottom-line is trees increase property values, both residential and business, and the overall attractiveness and desirability of a neighborhood.

As with any asset, trees require maintenance to enhance their beauty and optimize their health. Cleaning and thinning is an important maintenance practice, especially for larger trees, to improve health and increase longevity. Cleaning is removing dead and weak limbs. This is important as dead wood

attracts pests and pathogens that can eventually make their way to living tissue. These pests and pathogens can takeover and eventually kill a tree, especially if the tree is under stress. Selective thinning removes limbs on the main trunk that are tightly packed together, overlapping or crossed. Proper cleaning and thinning of limbs reduces potential hazards, allows in more light and greater airflow through the tree. If done correctly, the tree will be in good shape for seven to ten years. For smaller and/or specialty trees (fruit trees, for example), annual pruning is recommended to both train and maximize fruiting. The timing of when to prune is critical, often specific to the species, so as not to invite in certain diseases.

Tree removal (versus maintenance) is, at times, the appropriate course of action. Circumstances that support tree removal include:

- A tree has signs of decline and presents a hazard to personal property, including buildings, driveways, patios, etc.
- Diseased trees with hollows, cavities or rot.
- Trees planted in an inappropriate location, crowded by other trees or without space to remain healthy.

It is always important to obtain the necessary permits prior to tree removal. More information on required permits can be obtained from the Normandy Park Community Development Department at (206) 248-8260.

Article provided by Steve Higgins, ISA Certified Arborist, and a resident of Normandy Park. More information about arboriculture can be found on the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) website www.isa-arbor.com.

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Normandy Park's Economic Development Committee holds Open Houses for Businesses

WHAT DOES A HEALTHY ECONOMIC CLIMATE LOOK LIKE? How can we maintain the small town feel that makes Normandy Park so special while being an inviting and thriving place for small businesses? What can be done to make our commerce centers diverse enough to bring outside shoppers as well as maintain the specialization needed to meet the needs of the community? Recently, questions like this and more have been answered at a series of Open House events hosted by the Economic Development Committee (EDC) at two local venues: Archie's Mexican Restaurant and Normandy Park Market. Nearly 70 people attended the events, including business owners and managers, commercial property owners, city staff, Council Members, and residents.

On Wednesday, June 11th, home based business owners in Normandy Park will have the opportunity to take part in these ongoing meet-ups. An Open House will be held from 4pm to 7pm at the Cove, 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr, Normandy Park.

These informal and educational "meet and greets" have been highly successful in maintaining lines of communication between business owners, property owners, city management and residents of Normandy Park. Mayor Susan West, along with City Manager Glenn Akramoff, have been available for candid and frank questions regarding our current businesses and attracting the right kind of new businesses for our neighborhood, as well as the future of the Manhattan Village Sub-area, and the Normandy Towne Center area.

Keep an eye open for announcements and invitations to these fun and informational meetings. The public is always welcome to attend the weekly EDC meetings held on Wednesdays from 5:15pm to 6:45pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW 174th St.



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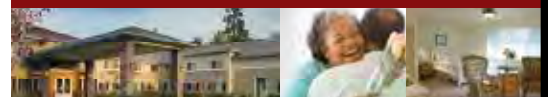
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Kids & Coho fry come together at the Cove Pond

by Resident Andy Batcho

The Normandy Park Community Club and the Duwamish-Green Chapter of Trout Unlimited teamed up to provide the children of Normandy Park and surrounding communities an opportunity to plant Coho Salmon fry at the "Cove" salmon rearing pond on Sunday, March 16th, 2014. Approximately 60 kids and adults braved the rainy weather and had a great time giving the one-inch long Coho fry a send off.

In 2006, the Normandy Park Community Club, in cooperation with Washington Department of Fisheries, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and Trout Unlimited (TU) restored the pond on the Cove property to emulate a "beaver pond", which in nature, is a prime Coho Salmon and Sea-run Cutthroat Trout rearing area. Naturally occurring beaver ponds on streams provide several benefits to young salmon. The ponds are loaded with bug life which fattens young salmon quickly; the ponds provide a refuge from flood waters in streams and salmon fry living in ponds expend less energy than their cousins living in streams.

Coho salmon fry live in the freshwater stream environment for 12 to 18 months before "smolting" and moving into the saltwater environment, eventually traveling to Alaska to feed then returning to spawn. Pink, Chum, and Chinook salmon fry, on the other hand, migrate to saltwater after spending only three months or so in freshwater. What that means to Coho fry that live in urban streams is that the water quality must remain good for the entire year. One pollution or extreme flooding event can wipe out an entire population of Coho juveniles.

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local streams each year. Ron DeSilva is the TU Chapter President and Russ Welker is the Hatchery Director for the Chapter project. Dr. John Muramatsu also runs the Trout Unlimited "Salmon in the Classroom" program for several local schools where students watch salmon eggs hatch in refrigerated aquariums provided to their schools by Trout Unlimited. Those fry are also released in local streams by the students.

A small number of the salmon fry released by the kids at the Cove Pond will return to Normandy Park streams in October through December, three years from now.



Grand Unveiling of the City Hall Playground Tiles

Final installation of the ceramic tiling around the bench perimeter of the playground at City Hall will be scheduled during the month of May. Join city staff, Council, preschool parents and Park Commissioners for the grand unveiling event which will take place on **Thursday, June 12th** during the Pre-K graduation event.

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IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT TRAGEDY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, I wanted to focus this issue primarily on our Emergency Management function.

Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Steve Pasztor and I attended training on the Cascadia Subduction

Zone earlier this year. For those of you who don't know, the Cascadia Subduction Zone is a fault line that runs from British Columbia to Northern California. The purpose of the training was to set up a practical response exercise in 2016. While

Normandy Park will not be providing technical assistance for the exercise creation, we will be activating our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the mock-scenario.

The main take-away from this training was that of preparedness. This will not be a small impact on our daily lives. The expected size of a catastrophic earthquake would be a Magnitude 9 or greater. The areas affected in Washington State would be from the coast to the Cascade Mountain range. King County residents can expect heavy impacts to water, power, and fuel. Depending on the destruction of the event, residents should be prepared for several weeks of self-reliance. The idea that Normandy Park residents should be prepared to take care of their entire family for at least one week cannot be stressed enough.

The Police Department is currently working with the Normandy Park Community Development Department to construct maps with several different Geographical Information Systems (GIS) layers. For many years now, we have been communicating with citizens who have Functional Needs. This year we will begin soliciting volunteers to be on

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another GIS layer. We are asking to know who in Normandy Park has emergency response capabilities. Whether you are a Doctor, Nurse, Physician's Assistant, or similar skill set. The purpose would be to have a vetted list of volunteers who could be called upon in times of disaster. This list can expand to include people with a trade like carpenters, electricians, and plumbers.

Even in times of disasters, we in Emergency Management have a responsibility to validate the qualifications and background of volunteers. If we can take care of this while the ground isn't shaking, we can speed up our response and recovery. Included in this issue of the City Scene Magazine are two fill in forms. I ask that if you have a functional need or if you are able to assist in an emergency because of your training or experience that you fill out the forms and mail them back to me at 801 SW 174th St., Normandy Park, WA 98166.

The Police Department is working with our regional partners to increase our ability to respond in the time of emergency/disaster. There is a member of the King County Emergency Operations Center who is going to be conducting table-top mock scenarios as part of his Master's Degree. There are also several members of this Department who have received advanced training at the Emergency

Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. As you will read later in this section, we have also partnered with the Port of Seattle to utilize their Mobile Command Unit if it is available.

The best case scenario is we will train, prepare, and plan during the rest of my career and we will never have to use any of the knowledge we have gained. Unfortunately, hope cannot be relied upon to respond to a disaster. The citizens and visitors of Normandy Park will look to the City in times of need. Please know that it is one of the primary goals for our Administration.

The Police Department cannot do this alone. We will need to establish a list of people who are willing to assist us. As was on display in Snohomish County during the mudslide, it will take an entire community to recover from such a tragic event. After 18 years of employment with Normandy Park, I am confident in the abilities of your City staff and the 6,300 strong in this town. On March 18th, Reserve Police Officer Nate Betts completed his Field Training with the Normandy Park Police Department. Nate has spent the last 14 weeks, working full-time for the Normandy Park Police Department. Nate is a

Reserve Officer with us, but he worked as a volunteer and completed our 14 week full-time Officer training program. Nate worked over 500 hours of his own time, learning the ins and outs of Normandy Park and Washington State law enforcement.

It usually takes a Reserve Officer a



KUDOS!

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Congratulations to SERGEANT LASWELL for 34 years with the NPPD.

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Reserve Police OFFICER MARK HAWLEY was just promoted to Lead Marshal for the Court Protection Unit at the King County Regional Justice Center in Kent (His day job).

★★★

year to complete the training program. That is because they are working full-time at the same time they are trying to learn how to do police work. Officer Betts put in a regular 40 hour work week with us and picked up part-time work on his weekends. This kind of commitment to the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park is too often unheard of these days. Please join us in congratulating Officer Betts on his accomplishment the next time you see him.

Keith Taylor, an Assistant Chief with the Port of Seattle Fire Department, brought the

Port of Seattle's Mobile Command Unit to the Police Department for a demonstration. This unit was funded completely through grants from the Department of Homeland Security. This vehicle is available to the City of Normandy Park in any emergency, as long as it is not being used by the Port of Seattle. This is at no cost to the citizens of Normandy Park.

The Normandy Park Police Department would like to thank Assistant Chief Taylor and the Port of Seattle for being a regional partner in emergency preparedness and response.

The last day of school for Marvista Elementary is June 17th. Please be alert for more kids in town. Parents, please make sure that your kids are wearing their helmets when riding their bikes. Also, give them a review of the rules of the road before the weather makes a change for the better.



Officer Morella receiving his Chief's Award from Puyallup Police Department Chief, Bryan Jeter. The award was presented for finding a 7-year old missing girl in Puyallup in 2013.



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The City of Normandy Park is conducting an emergency response assessment of its citizens to assist in disaster preparedness. The City of Normandy Park is taking extra steps to ensure that when a disaster/emergency does occur, the city will have a group of vetted volunteers. The City has great concern for its residents and would like to be prepared and take action before a disaster of any kind happens. The information collected will be shared with emergency services providers such as Red Cross, Burien/Normandy Park Fire Department, and Normandy Park Police. **The City of Normandy Park is asking those CITIZENS WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE capabilities to complete this survey and return it to Normandy Park City Hall, 801 SW 174th St., Normandy Park, WA 98166.**

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Are you over 18 YOA? (Please check one) ____ Yes ____ No

Emergency Response Capabilities: (i.e. Dr. or Nurse, Electrician, Building Inspector) to include any certifications held.

Are you willing to be added to a Geographic Information System (GIS) layer on the City of Normandy Park network?

(Please check one) ____ Yes ____ No

Are you willing to be a volunteer during times of emergency or disaster?
(Please check one) ____ Yes ____ No

Are you willing to participate in volunteer training provided by the City of Normandy Park in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?

(Please check one) ____ Yes ____ No

Have you already participated in any FEMA sponsored training? If so, please list the classes taken:

FUNCTIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The City of Normandy Park is conducting a functional needs assessment of its citizens to assist in disaster preparedness. "Functional needs" is defined as an individual that under usual circumstances can function on their own or with support systems. However, during an emergency, their level of independence is challenged. Therefore, the City of Normandy Park is taking extra steps to ensure that when a disaster/emergency does occur, the city will have the necessary information to assist in caring for their citizens. The City has great concern for its residents and would like to be prepared and take action before a disaster of any kind happens. The information collected, will be shared with emergency services providers such as Red Cross, Burien/Normandy Park Fire Department, and Normandy Park Police. **The City of Normandy Park is asking those CITIZENS WITH FUNCTIONAL NEEDS to complete this survey and return it to Normandy Park City Hall, 801 SW 174th St., Normandy Park, WA 98166.**

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Please check one:

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Highline May Move 6th Grade to Middle School

Move would make room in crowded elementary schools and offer opportunities to 6th graders



by Tove Tucker
Highline School District Web
and Social Media Manager

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND STAFF ARE ENTHUSIASTIC about the possibility of 6th graders coming to middle school, saying it is an opportunity for greater academic challenge and stronger relationships with students and families.

The majority of middle schools in our state and nation are grades 6–8; Highline's middle schools are 7–8 only. Highline is considering moving 6th grade to middle school in 2015–16.

"I can see now there are many things a middle school can offer that I wasn't able to provide as a 6th grade teacher," said Sylvester Middle School Principal Vicki Fisher, a former elementary school principal and 6th grade teacher.

The proposal to move 6th grade to middle school is part of a larger proposal to address crowded classrooms and aging buildings. Highline is expecting 2,100 additional students in the next eight to ten years—nearly enough to fill two elementary schools and two

middle schools.

All Highline elementary schools are full this year, with no room to accommodate growth. Starting next fall, the state is offering additional funding to lower class size in grades K–3. Without more classrooms, Highline may have to turn down up to \$2.2 million annually.

Middle school leaders agree, 6th graders are ready for the academic challenge and leadership opportunities available in middle school.

"As hard as I work I cannot provide the same in-depth level of instruction that my colleagues teaching in middle school can," said Des Moines Elementary School 6th grade teacher Katie Postlewait. "I'm teaching science, math, language arts, health, and social studies."

Middle school teachers specialize in a particular subject and get in-depth training, which leads to more rigorous and consistent instruction. "It's a disservice to our students that [the move to middle school] hasn't already happened," said Postlewait.

In middle school, 6th graders choose electives like Spanish, engineering, jazz band,

art, drama, and leadership. Students can explore a wider range of interests and even earn high school credit. They also have more opportunities after-school activities, including sports teams, clubs, and homework help.

Middle school principals and teachers have long said that two years isn't long enough to develop the strong supportive relationships critical for success in school.

"Every year we're turning over 50 percent of our students," said Pacific Middle School Principal Deborah Rumbaugh. She says students need more time to adjust to the kind of class schedule, work load, and expectations they will experience in high school.

"I was having a lot of anxiety about coming here at first," confessed one 7th grader after his first semester at Chinook Middle School. "Now, I'm having a lot of fun. The teachers are good at what they do, and I'm learning a lot."

After weeks of studying enrollment trends, building conditions, and potential solutions, Superintendent Susan Enfield has introduced a plan to replace the district's oldest schools and to free up elementary classroom space by moving 6th grade to middle school.

"We looked at a lot of options and developed the most fiscally responsible and cost-effective solution possible," said Dr. Enfield. "We wouldn't propose this transition if we didn't believe we could make it a positive change for our students. I don't make promises I can't keep, and I promise if we move sixth grade to middle school, we will get it right."

To accommodate the increase in middle school students, the district would need to add two new middle schools.

At the same time, a number of aging schools are in need of replacement or major renovation. Maintenance and repairs on the older buildings are increasingly expensive, the schools are not up to current earthquake and fire safety standards, and the infrastructure does not support today's learning technology.

Voters would be asked to pass a bond measure to fund school construction and repair work. The School Board will decide this spring whether to place a bond on the ballot.

"Every school we have built in the last decade has been completed on budget, and we are confident we can keep up that perfect track record," said Dr. Enfield.

NORMANDY PARK PRESCHOOL

by Preschool Director Marion Kari

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR when Normandy Park Preschool looks ahead to the future to enroll children into our 2014–2015 school term. We are so excited to welcome new families into our preschool community so if you have not enrolled your child for preschool, please call us at **206-248-8261** and schedule a time to visit.

This school year has been a very exciting one thus far. Our pre-k and 3 ½–4 ½ students just completed “Space Adventure Day.” This was a wonderful time where we assisted our future astronauts and astronomers in space training. It even included a rocket ship ride! The extraordinary parents support and creative curriculum from our teachers helps us provide our students and families this wonderful experience! The students engaged in learning about our incredible solar system and applied their learning in fun activities from viewing planets to completing an astronaut experiment. This speaks to the heart of our philosophy about creating stimulating learning environments, fun activities for our students to engage in, that

spark their imaginations and enables them to bridge their learning from school to home to explore further with their families.

March proved to be a very exciting month of learning for our 2 ½–3 ½ students as they just completed a fun learning exploration about colors, and I can assure you, there were a lot of giggles as they made discoveries about how to make magenta, turquoise, and lavender colors working with primary colors and adding white for shading along with shaving cream. Our youngest students in our school also loved making letters in play dough!

Normandy Park Preschool not only feels strongly about building partnerships with our students and families in our program, but also with the Highline School District to insure that our graduating students meet all of the requirements to be successful when they enter kindergarten. We are a key partner with Highline School District and have been actively participating this year with staff and teachers in an exchange of ideas and fruitful dialogue. We have invited staff from Highline School District into our classrooms to view all of the exciting things that are going on with our curriculum and classroom activities. These partnerships insure that all of our students will have a strong foundation of core learning skills and meet all of



the requirements to be creative, imaginative life-long learners. It also insures that our families can feel confident that their children will start kindergarten with all of the necessary tools to be successful, imaginative learners that will last a lifetime! Many of our families have relayed to us that by modeling this partnership with Highline School District, it encourages them to form strong partnerships with the schools of their choice, further aiding in the success of their children's future.

Our work is not completed and we have many more wonderful activities planned for our students and families this year, from our Mother's Tea to our graduation of our Pre-K students where we will release butterflies into the park as a symbol that they are ready to meet the challenges of their future. Early childhood education is such an important foundations step in your children's life, please come by to see us as we would love to give you a tour of our program and share our philosophy with you.



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2014 ARTS FESTIVAL

by Arts Commissioner Amber Nichol

ARE YOU AN ARTIST WITH A CURRENT MASTERPIECE that you're working on? Do you have a friend who is an artist that just needs a little encouragement to promote their work? Have you ever thought that it would be cool to be in an art show? Well, here's your opportunity to be a part of an established art festival based in Normandy Park. For the past 15 years, the Normandy Arts Commission has hosted the annual Normandy Park Arts Festival. Held the first weekend of June, our festival typically kicks off the regional summer arts festival scene right here in Normandy Park with a collection of fabulous craftspeople and inspirational artists at city hall.

This year we are happy to bring the theme of "All the World is a Stage" to our festival in celebration of all thing's theatre; earthly dramas, metaphoric masks, and the roles we all play in our very own productions are all part of the inspiration to draw upon for the festival. This year we will open up a special category to reflect the theme of the festival, with the winner receiving a very special award ribbon specifically designed for invoking the spirit of theatre and stage. Look for the kid's arts and crafts area and have fun decorating your very own mask to take home too!

In addition to our festival theme, look for artwork in categories of painting, print, photography, drawing, sculpture, digital media, and artisan's work. There is also an entire gallery dedicated to the work of young artists from the Highline Schools, kindergarten through high school. Unique and creative vendors will be on hand in the vendor room, offering many beautiful pieces that you can take home. Jewelry, pottery, ceramics, woodworking, photography, garden art, paintings, fabric items, and sculptures are a few of the offerings that we have had in the past.

Please join us on June 7th and 8th for this free community event, just one of many things that make Normandy Park the special place that we all call home.

For more information, visit our webpage at www.npartsfestival.com, e-mail artscomm@ci.normandy-park.wa.us, stop by city hall at 801 SW 174th Street, Normandy Park WA 98166, or telephone 206-248-7603.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 28th Application Due Date
June 4th Artwork Delivery
June 6th Judging for the Show
June 7th-8th The 15th Annual
Normandy Park Arts festival

2014 ARTS FESTIVAL JURORS— FILLIUS AND CRITES

Northwest artist **Jenny Fillius** has been dedicated to the creation of art for 35 years. Working and exhibiting in a multitude of different media from pen & ink, textiles, found object assemblage, painting, and most recently recycled metal. Fillius has exhibited her work nationally and internationally. Images of her recycled tin artwork are on display as public art in Seattle, used to advertise the Bellevue Arts Fair in 2013, and have been published in the award winning book *Humor in Craft* by Brigitte Martin (Schiffer). Her art has been featured in the *Seattle Times*, on *Art Zone* with Nancy Guppy, and received the 2011 People's Choice award as well as the 2012 Best in Show from the White River Valley Museum. 4-Culture will be the site of her next public exhibition in June 2014. See more at her website: www.JennyFillius.com

Chris Crites' first exposure to mug shot photographs was in the post office of his childhood home town. There he was captivated by posted "Wanted" fliers featuring possible malcontents of the day. As his interest in history developed, he became reacquainted with mug shots in the book "Death Scenes: A Homicide Detective's Scrapbook" published in 1996 by Feral House. It was from this collection of photos from the 1930's and 1940's that he painted his first four mug shots in acrylic on paper bag in 1999. These paintings established his ongoing color experiment of five or fewer colors on brown paper bag.

Seriously focusing on the subject matter of arrest photographs since 2002,

Crites has developed and refined his brightly colored, limited palette style.

Visiting the Washington State Archives he collects mug shot photos on his own.

Adding cultural icons, musicians, commissioned portraiture, mushroom clouds, nudes and firearms to his body of work, Crites has shown and been published across the United States and Europe. Having both graphic design and art degrees, he teaches teen drawing at Pratt Fine Art Center in Seattle as well as painting workshops in the Puget Sound region. He is also an independent curator and lives in Seattle with his wife and cats. See more at his website: www.bagpainter.com

ART VISITORS AND AN INSPIRATIONAL MEETING

by Arts Commissioner Raymond Street

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, our local and neighboring art groups joined us for a South King County Cultural Coalition, known as 'SoCo' for those regularly attending the meetings. 40 or so leaders of various art communities and historical organizations enjoyed delicious catered snacks donated by Amber Nichol and the Arts Commission.

The speakers for this meeting blew me away. The meeting topic was: Reaching Out to Artists and Audiences with Disabilities. We listened to Marlaine Lieberg, an advocate of the arts that was born blind, talk to us via Skype about what colors feel like. This unique and poetic description drew me into a perspective of the world to which I had the pleasure to enjoy. We also heard from Julie Stiles, mother of local visual artist Chris Stiles, about the challenges of living with an autistic family member or loved one.

The other speakers were Cheri Perazzoli and Zen McManigal, as well as Debbie Gilbert and Joanne Petroff, who had some amazing perspectives on dance, art, and hearing loss.

Cheri Perazzoli gave an educational demonstration about the "loop", a wire-based system that is run around the perimeter of a space and delivers a clear signal to the T-coil in hearing aids. This technology is available in King County libraries and other spaces.

As "standing dancers", Debbie Gilbert of Whistlestop Dance and Joanne Petroff of Light Motion Dance explained the frequent partnering with Charlene Curtiss, a dancer who has been in a wheelchair following a gymnastics accident many years ago. Debbie and Joanne came to show some very beautiful videotaped performances. (www.whistlestop-dance.com)

Normandy Park Arts Commission Chair Zen McManigal spoke on behalf of our Arts Commissioner Bob Frey, who for many years has sponsored an annual art show at the Normandy Park Council Chambers that features the work of artists with disabilities.

It is rewarding to know that Normandy Park was able to host a beautiful and alternate perspective on art and disabilities to the community we all belong.

Cove 2 Clover Race

Despite the inclement weather, participants were in full force on race day. This year there was an added twist where a kayaker placed a keg in the water and two racers vied to be the first one to reach it for a special prize. The Normandy Park Lions Club provided bon fires on the beach at the start line and there was wonderful ambience provided by bagpiper Scott Lumsden. Special thanks to Dunn Lumber and Powell Homes for providing scrap wood for this project. Winner of this year's race was Jerome Damey with a time of 19:41.



White Cane Days

The Lions Club was stationed at the Normandy Park Market on May 3rd to accept contributions for International Lions annual event. The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), a leading organization for the blind, has established the third week in May as "White Cane Week." During this week, a special concentration of efforts to educate the public concerning the hopes and aspirations of the blind is emphasized by all Lion Clubs.



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Obliteride 2014

The bike ride fundraiser for Fred Hutch will spin through Normandy Park this summer!

RIDE INFO

- Date: August 8-10, 2014
- Location: Magnuson Park, Seattle,

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Upcoming Events at the Cove

Normandy Park Community Club (the Cove) Events are open to the public. For event updates visit www.npcove.org

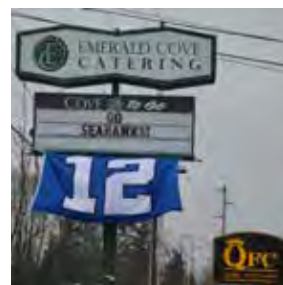
June 1st GIANT garage sale, 10am-3pm.

July 4th Independence Day Community Celebration, 10:30 am

Start off with the Parade starting at Marvista Elementary, then wind your way down to the Cove and enjoy visiting with neighbors while eating hot dogs, ice cream, popcorn, shaved ice, and more! FREE.



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Des Moines Activity Center
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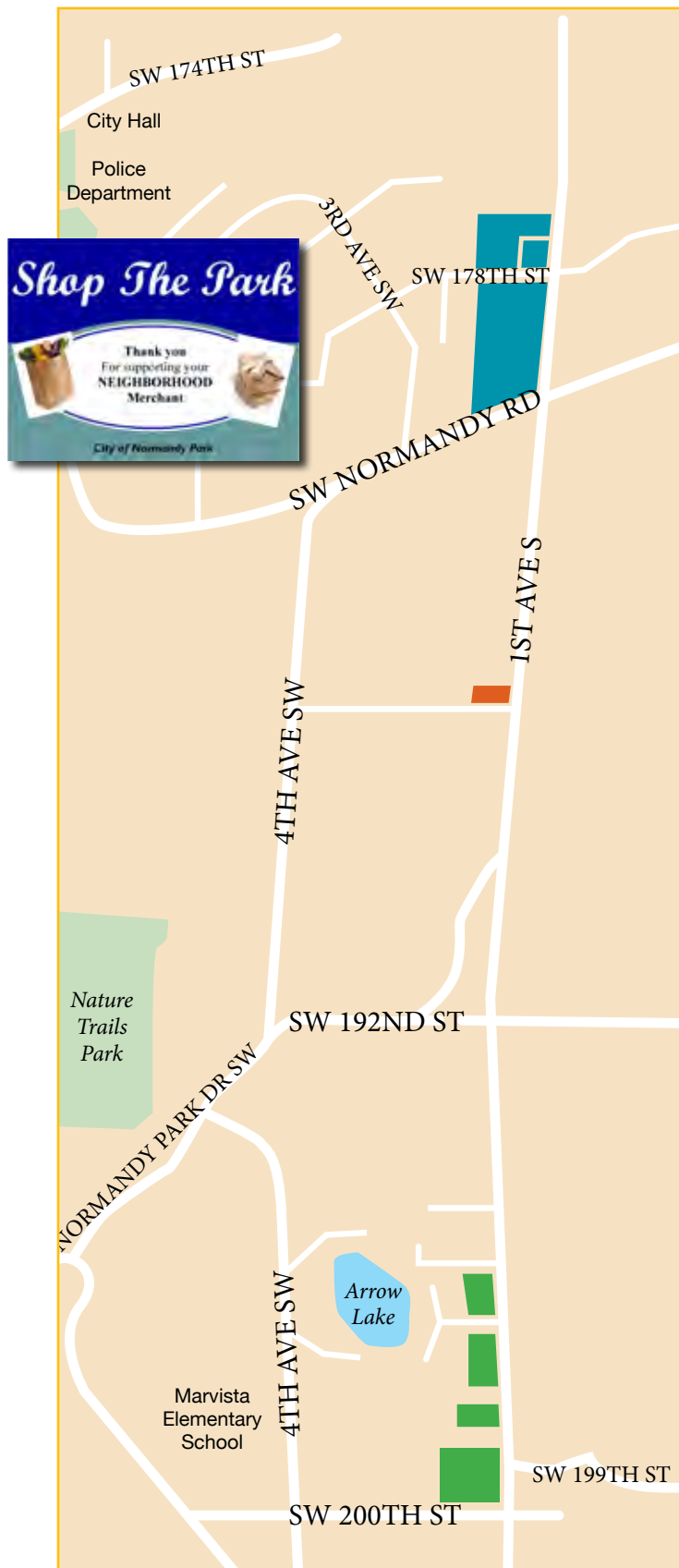
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Margaret L. Larson, MSN, ARNP, NP-C grew up in Normandy Park and now has returned to live closer to her practice. She had been practicing with her father, Roger K Larson, MD for six years in Burien before he retired two years ago. Family and community are very important to her as reflected in her unique family practice approach to prevention, lifelong wellness and optimal health for individuals and families. Margaret is an active contributor to the Hospitality House Shelter for Women in Burien and Hope Medical Clinic in Uganda.



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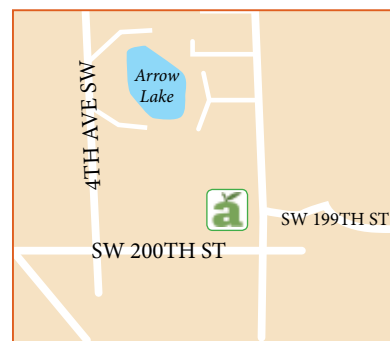
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